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This summary presents results of a December 1983 survey of occupational wages in the Colorado Springs Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, which consists of El Paso and Teller Counties. This is 1 of 77 areas which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 72 other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact any BLS regional office identified on the back page.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 71 establishments employing 24,516 workers was selected to represent 181 establishments employing 41,156 workers in the area. (See table 2 for further information on the scope of the survey.) Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table 1 provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request.

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Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in Colorado Springs, Colo., December 1983

Occupation	Number of workers			Hourly earnings (all workers)[2]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																			
	All[3]	Men	Women	Mean	Median	Middle range	Under 3.75	3.75 and under 4.00	4.00 – 4.50	4.50 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.50	5.50 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.50	6.50 – 7.00	7.00 – 7.50	7.50 – 8.00	8.00 – 8.50	8.50 – 9.00	9.00 – 9.50	9.50 – 10.00	10.00 – 10.50	10.50 – 11.00	11.00 – 11.50	11.50 – 12.00	12.00 – 13.00	13.00 and over
Secretaries	267	-	267	7.07	6.96	6.20– 7.63	-	-	-	6	17	24	39	54	52	21	14	21	8	5	4	2	-	-	-	-
Secretaries I	21	-	21	5.87	5.86	4.98– 6.75	-	-	-	6	4	1	3	5	2	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
Secretaries II	70	-	70	6.73	6.80	5.74– 7.23	-	-	-	-	9	13	11	8	22	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Secretaries III	124	-	124	7.16	6.95	6.56– 7.67	-	-	-	-	2	8	19	38	21	14	6	14	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Secretaries IV	41	-	41	7.76	7.67	7.00– 8.64	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	3	6	6	7	4	6	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Secretaries V	11	-	11	8.02	8.22	- – -	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stenographers	34	-	34	7.20	6.74	6.00– 8.37	-	-	-	2	3	-	8	6	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stenographers II	33	-	33	7.26	6.84	6.00– 8.37	-	-	-	2	2	-	8	6	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists	39	-	39	4.77	4.72	4.43– 5.28	[5]	2	4	14	9	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists I	35	-	35	4.71	4.70	4.40– 5.26	6	2	4	12	8	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receptionists	24	-	24	4.92	4.62	4.46– 5.48	2	-	6	8	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operators	38	-	38	6.07	5.84	5.16– 7.20	1	-	5	2	5	13	-	-	5	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators	153	-	153	6.22	5.95	5.43– 6.85	-	-	7	14	21	43	16	15	13	-	10	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators I	96	-	96	5.79	5.86	5.25– 6.13	-	-	5	6	21	39	7	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators II	57	-	57	6.95	6.87	6.11– 8.37	-	-	2	8	-	4	11	4	6	-	10	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators	105	41	64	7.72	7.53	6.85– 8.43	-	-	-	-	-	10	8	12	22	11	20	10	5	1	-	3	3	-	-	-
Computer operators I	29	10	19	6.67	6.26	5.75– 6.91	-	-	-	-	-	9	8	5	2	-	1	3	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Computer operators II	59	26	33	7.95	7.59	7.38– 8.38	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	20	9	8	7	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Computer operators III	17	5	12	8.75	8.43	8.32– 8.44	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	11	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	18	3
Drafters	91	76	15	9.58	9.22	8.25–10.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	2	14	14	13	8	3	8	-	-	-	-
Drafters III	29	16	13	8.30	8.25	8.09– 8.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	8	3	2	-	-	-	-	5	-
Drafters IV	36	34	2	9.98	9.95	9.22–10.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	8	6	3	7	-	-	11	[3]
Drafters V	20	20	-	11.57	12.10	10.44–12.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Electronics technicians	812	700	112	9.96	9.63	7.95–12.43	-	-	-	-	-	12	13	55	58	81	74	59	43	45	68	29	29	24	78	[4]145
Electronics technicians II	430	358	72	10.14	9.70	7.96–12.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	20	37	56	50	24	19	20	45	7	1	4	42	104
Electronics technicians III	246	234	12	11.10	11.03	9.71–12.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	21	22	25	23	22	28	20	36	41
Maintenance carpenters	21	21	-	8.30	10.15	4.85–10.76	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-
Maintenance electricians	58	58	-	10.20	11.02	10.18–11.33	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	22	-	12	-
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	70	70	-	10.29	10.51	8.92–11.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	22	5	1	8	18	5	8	-
Maintenance mechanics (motor vehicles)	43	43	-	10.11	10.95	8.97–10.95	-	2	-	-	5	5	10	20	2	10	4	4	-	1	-	1	8	-	-	-
General maintenance workers	93	93	-	7.21	7.10	6.00– 8.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	4	1	-	20	-	-	2
Tool and die makers	68	68	-	11.72	11.15	9.06–14.57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	20	2	-	7	2	-	-	-
Truckdrivers	281	281	-	8.33	7.38	6.13–10.95	-	-	-	5	7	16	25	26	28	39	2	13	-	14	1	-	-	24	1	-	[4]24
Truckdrivers, light truck	23	23	-	7.32	7.00	4.75–10.95	-	-	-	5	2	2	1	-	1	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, medium truck	100	100	-	6.50	6.13	5.63– 7.25	-	-	-	-	5	12	16	18	23	19	2	-	-	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	105	105	-	10.25	10.95	10.95–10.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	4	-	-	5	-	-	-	7	2	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	49	49	-	8.69	8.01	7.25–10.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	16	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shipping packers	149	46	103	5.28	5.09	4.60– 5.71	-	1	22	47	22	32	9	4	12	-	-	-	-	2	-	118	-	-	-	-	-
Material handling laborers	139	104	35	5.45	5.41	4.55– 6.21	-	-	30	25	21	25	8	15	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Forklift operators	58	58	-	6.22	6.24	5.50– 6.85	-	-	-	-	11	16	4	14	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Guards	105	91	14	5.91	6.06	5.25– 6.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guards II	940	675	241	4.24	3.55	3.35– 4.76	[5]41	51	61	90	36	46	33	49	14	-	10	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners																										

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Incentive payments, such as those resulting from piecework, production bonuses, and commission systems, are included in the wages reported; nonproduction bonuses are excluded. Cost-of-living allowances are considered as part of the workers' regular pay. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more and one-half receive the same as or less than the rate shown. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate.

[2] May include data for workers not identified by sex. Similarly, for occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

[3] All workers were at $3.50 to $3.75.

[4] All workers were at $13.00 to $14.00.

[5] Workers were distributed as follows: 138 at $13.00 to $14.00; 8 at $14.00 to $15.00; and 1 at $15.00 to $16.00.

[6] Workers were distributed as follows: 3 at $13.00 to $14.00; and 21 at $14.00 to $15.00.

[7] Workers were distributed as follows: 342 at $3.25 to $3.50; and 199 at $3.50 to $3.75.

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Table 2. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in Colorado Springs, Colo.,[1] December 1983

Industry division[2]	Minimum employment in establishments in scope of survey	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments		
		Within scope of survey[3]	Studied	Within scope of survey[4]		Studied
				Number	Percent	
All divisions	50	181	71	41,158	100	24,516
Manufacturing	50	54	22	18,685	45	11,676
Nonmanufacturing[5]	50	127	49	22,471	55	12,840

[1] The Colorado Springs Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget through February 1974, consists of El Paso and Teller Counties. The "workers within scope of survey" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis of comparison with other statistical series for the area to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[2] The 1972 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual was used in classifying establishments by industry division.

[3] Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets of companies in such industries as trade, finance, auto repair service, and motion picture theaters (within a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area or nonmetropolitan county) are considered as one establishment.

[4] Includes all workers in all establishments with total employment (within the area) at or above the minimum limitation.

[5] Includes transportation, communication, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; laundries and other personal services; automobile repair, rental, and parking; motion pictures; nonprofit membership organizations (excluding religious and charitable organizations); engineering and architectural services; and miscellaneous business services. Major industries excluded from this survey are agriculture; mining; construction; some services (notably educational institutions and medical services); and government operations.

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